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Rhododendrons

Azaleas

SPRING 1960



RHODODENDRON DISCOLOR HYBRID

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RHODODENDRONS

- ALBERT CLOSE-Late flowering pink with red spotting. The trusses are near perfection for those who admire the formal shape. A Maximum hybrid. 8-12 in., \$2.00
- ALBUM ELEGANS—Of the old 'Ironclad' group. Tall growing with large trusses of pale mauve 12-18 in., \$4.00 white, very attractive,
- BEAUFORT-An early fragrant flowered hybrid of Boule de Neige. The flowers open with a tint of lavender but quickly fade white. Dark green leaves and excellent plant habit. 12-18 in., \$4.00
- BLUE PETER-About the only blue flowered rhododendron we can grow in our area and a good one. The plant is a vigorous grower of spreading habit and the blue flowers have a very dark center 12-15 in., \$4.00
- **BRACHYCARPUM**—This hardy species from Japan is all too little known in the Eastern U.S., forming well shaped plants with beautiful dark green foliage and late creamy white flowers lightly striped with pink. 6-8 in., \$1.50
- BOULE DE NEIGE-Old hardy white of compact habit and still one of the best of its class—the socalled 'Iron Clads'. 8-12 in., \$4.00
- CAROLINE-Another hybrid which we are again offering this season. A superlative plant at all seasons and bearing abundant large pale orchid flowers that are quite fragrant. Early mid-season. It has yet to be injured here by winter cold. 12-15 in., \$5.00
- CAMICH—A low growing plant that bears purplish crimson flowers in great abundance when still very small. 12-15 in., \$4.00
- CAROLINIANUM—A small leaved species from the Carolina mountains with abundant pink flowers borne early and freely on small plants.

12-18 in., \$3.00

CATAWBIENSE—This species from the Allegheny mountain regions is perhaps the hardiest of the broadleaf rhododendrons, making a great show along the Skyline Drive with mountain tops covered with its flowers in June. Varies from light rose and lavender shades to a deep rose purple.

1½-2 ft., \$4.00

- CATAWBIENSE ALBUM (Glass) We have not listed this form for several years because our seedlings began failing to bloom white. We have replaced all we have heard from and still do not have enough to list for sale. We are growing some seedlings from hand-pollinated whites which should come white. We cannot guarantee it but offer them. 10-12 in., \$2.00
- CATAWBIENSE ALBUM White flowered variety of great hardiness. Very hardy and of good habit and foliage. 12-15 in., \$4.00

- CATAWBIENSE COMPACTUM X DISCA—These seedlings are uniformly compact and rather slow in growth. The flowers should be large and of pale rose and lavendar shades. 12-18 in., \$4.00
- CHAPMANNI X MUCRONULATUM—A first generation cross that is growing lustily. Early rose pink flowers. 2-3 ft., \$5.00
- CHINA—This pale ochre flowered sort is still somewhat in the trial stage for hardiness though it has shown no damage from cold so far. We have a few extra to offer for trial.

 10-12 in., \$4.00
- CONEWAGO—This hybrid of R. carolinianum and R. mucronulatum is an old one here but we have never been able to propogate it well. We can again offer a few. It has been reported hardy from several growers in very cold areas. Flowers early and abundantly in rose pink. 2-2½ ft., \$6.00
- CUNNINGHAM'S WHITE—An early flowering white of compact habit and excellent foliage.

 10-12 in., \$4.00
- DISCOLOR—This is one of the very finest exotic species that may be grown in our climate. It hails from West Central China and has been described as "E.H. (Chinese) Wilson's second best discovery." What interests us is that it is hardy in our part of the world in partially shaded woodland sites where it opens its great white or pale blush blossoms in late June. Described as growing into a tree twelve to fifteen feet high but more often seen as a large shrub.
- 10-12 in., \$2.50 & 12-18 in., \$3.50

 FORTUNEI—Very large blush pink fragrant flowers and dependably hardy with us. Another so called "tree" enoise that hadly reaches that status in
- "tree" species that hardly reaches that stature in cultivation but is often tree-like in habit. The corolla is seven-lobed instead of the usual five. Rhododendron Fortunei is quite free from all insect damage—in fact almost immune and this also applies to its close relatives R. discolor and R. decorum. All hybrids of these species seem to partake of these pest resistant characters to a great extent. I have yet to observe a single lace bug or white fly on them and leaf eating worms rarely touch them, Fortunei itself, perhaps never. Large sizes, 6-8 ft., on application. 10-12 in., \$2.50
- GEORGE FRAZER—A Maximum hybrid with late flowers of a lovely pink shade spotted heavily with red. It is a fast growing plant in both height and width and should have a circle at least twenty feet in diameter all of its own.

 2-3 ft., \$7.50
- JOHN WALTER—Crimson. 12-18 in., \$5.00
- KEISKEI—A small growing yellow species flowering very early, often with R. mucronulatum.

8-12 in., \$2.00

MADAM DE BRUIN—Early bright red.

12-15 in., \$4.00
MADAM GUILLEMONT—Having tried out this hy-

brid for a few years we are pleased with it and offer a limited amount. Large trusses of bright pink.

12-15 in., \$4.00





worms seem to have a special fondness for its 4 yr. cuttings, \$3.00

AZALEA SPECIES

ARBORESCENS-Late flowering native azalea with a heliotrope fragrance. Will grow into large specimens with age-ten to twelve feet high and wide. Very good on the bank of a stream or pond. 12-18 in., \$3.00

POUKHANENSE—A Korean species which grows quite twiggy and compact with flowers of rose and lilac shades. We consider it the hardiest species of the obtusum group. 12-15 in., \$2.00

SCHLIPPENBACHII — The "Royal" azalea. large pink flowers, about the size of the flowering dogwood, are produced in early spring. Hardy anywhere but best in partly wooded situations where its blooms last longer in good condition. Sizes up to six feet. 8-10 in., \$2.00



A striking example of two beautiful hybrids in contrasting harmony. On the right the deliciously scented Caroline, with velvety textured, soft mauve flowers of unusual proportion. On the left America: glowing, bold, and brilliant. America a time-honored "classic", — Caroline a "Modern" hybrid of Joseph Gable.

- MAKINOI—A Japanese species, slow growing and of rather dwarf habit. The flowers are pale pink of fair size and the long, very narrow leaves, somewhat rolled up both summer and winter, are covered beneath with a white, woolly felt which turns a buff color and lasts for several years. It has been satisfactorily hardy here. 8-10 in., \$3.00
- MAXIMUM—We have this native rhododendron in almost any size up to eight feet. Arrangements will have to be made to transport the larger plants.

 1-8 ft., \$1.00-\$15.00
- MICRANTHUM—A species from North China and Mongolia recommended for its extreme hardiness. When covered with its tiny white flowers it has been likened to an evergreen spirea. Grown in a fair amount of sun it is a good looking plant.

18-24 in., \$4.00

- MUCRAM Very much like Conewago described above. Holds more foliage in winter but possibly not quite so hardy as that variety. 2-ft., \$5.00
- MUCRONULATUM—A very early decidious species with rose purple flowers blooming with forsythia. Very hardy and does well in full sun.

12-18 in., \$3.00

PIONEER—An early evergreen mucronulatum hybrid, very free flowering. Flowers are clear pink in color. Offered for the first time in 1958.

12-15 in., \$5.00

- ROSEUM ELEGANS—The old standby for foundation planting as it is dense growing and stands pruning well. 18-24 in., \$4.00
- RACEMOSUM. 59717, ROCK NO.—Dwarf type with charming rose pink flowers and flowering when only a few inches high.

 4 in. pots, \$2.50
- SMIRNOWII Have a few small cutting grown plants of this species this season. Bears large trusses of rose pink flowers quite early and remarkable for the wooly coating under the leaf which effectively repels the lace bug, though other worms seem to have a special fondness for its foliage.

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WEYRICHII—An azalea of the Schlippenbachii subseries that flowers about mid-May here. The flowers are of a deep salmon pink to flame in color and last well. 10-12 in., \$3.00

GABLE HYBRID AZALEAS

- BIG JOE-Our demand for this old very hardy number has caused us to start propagating it again. Rose pink, early. 12-15 in., \$2.00
- CAROL (B8G)—Abundant hose-in-hose flowers of most brilliant crimson pink on a spreading, rather 10-12 in., \$3.00 dwarf plant.
- ELIZABETH GABLE-Noteworthy for its evergreen character that makes it a pretty plant at all seasons. Its pale salmon tinted flowers last long in partial shade. 10-12 in. \$2.00
- GILLIN'S RED-Hardy deep maroon red. From the late James Gillin of Ambler, Pa. 12-15 in., \$2.00
- HERBERT-Very near to the Purple Splendour azalea in flower but much lower and more compact in growth. Hardy and free flowering.
 - 12-18 in., \$3.00
- JAMES GABLE A hose-in-hose cardinal red of compact habit. Hardy and free flowering. 10-12 in., \$3.00
- JESSIE COOVER—(C6G)—A fully double flowered pink that blooms in late midseason and is quite hardy. 10-12 in., \$2.00; 12-18 in., \$3.00
- LOUISE GABLE-Double salmon pink flowers of good size borne on a rather slow growing, dense 12-18 in., \$3.50
- KATHLEEN—Like Big Joe an old hybrid of ours that we are growing again. And, also like that variety, one that will need to attain some size and age before it is fully appreciated. When in full flower here it is the show plant of the azaleas. Bright crimson pink, clear tone. 12-15 in., \$3.00 12-15 in., \$3.00
- LORNA—Low growing double pink similar to Rosebud. Our old plant grows wider but no taller than that variety. Bears its small, very double flowers in abundance to cover the plant. 12-18 in., \$4.00
- MARGIE-This variety is one of our newer hybrids. It is a hose-in-hose pink, grows vigorously but branches well. It seems to be very hardy—per-haps the hardiest of this type—and is quite florif-10-12 in., \$3.00 erous and showy.
- MARYANN (38G)-Medium late double flowered pink. Profuseness of bloom and good plant habit also commend it. Very hardy. 12-18 in., \$3.00 12-18 in., \$3.00
- MARY DALTON (111G)-Hose-in-hose salmon red with very pointed petals arranged in perfect sym12-18 in., \$3.00
- MILDRED MAE—Very shapely plant with dense evergreen foliage and lavender flowers spotted bright red. Very hardy. 18-24 in., \$4.00

- PURPLE SPLENDOUR—Dark reddish purple hose-in-hose flowers. Spreading habit. 12-18 in., \$3.00
- POLARIS White. Very floriferous. Rather slow growing and compact. Somewhat of the Kurume type and superior to Snow. 8-12 in., \$2.50
- ROSE GREELEY—We believe we have produced in this, that hardy white we have been looking for. The color is pure except for very faint trace of yellow in the throat. Flowers are of good size and substance and the plant of good compact, branching habit.

 10-12 in., \$3.00
- **SPRINGTIME**—An early flowering pure pink that grows rather tall and will need considerable room. One of the very hardiest azaleas.

12-18 in., \$3.00

stewartstonian—A variety released in fall of 1956. Single clear red flowers and foliage turning red in winter that contrasts strikingly against the snow. Hardier and better in color than Hinodegiri and just as easy to grow. It also has better color than that variety when forced.

10-12 in., \$3.00

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We have hybrid seedlings left over from our breeding experiments that we sell priced as to size and quality. They are in various colors and selection is only possible by customers who select them in flower. Prices start at \$3.00 each.

We wish to emphasize the importance of removing the faded flower trusses from rhododendron as soon as possible after all the flowers in the truss have faded. This greatly helps the foliage and appearance of plant as well as its flowering in future seasons. And the larger leaved the variety, the more important this process seems to be.

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All our plants are on own roots, grown from cutting or seeds unless otherwise noted.

We do not have facilities for shipping stock any larger than the two foot size. There are larger plants of some items here for sale but arrangements will have to be made for delivery on this stock.

